



# LARC

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## Louisiana Special Event Station

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. will be holding a "Special Event Station" celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Louisiana Statehood and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of adopting the State Flag.

This event will be held on Saturday & Sunday September 8 & 9, 2012 on the grounds of Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission, 1400 NW Evangeline Thruway, Lafayette, LA 70501. Permission was granted to our club to set up on the porch of the center by Executive Director Gerald Breaux to operate from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm both days. Also permission granted by Graphic Designer Lance LeBlanc to use the graphics for the certificate that will be offered to contacts.

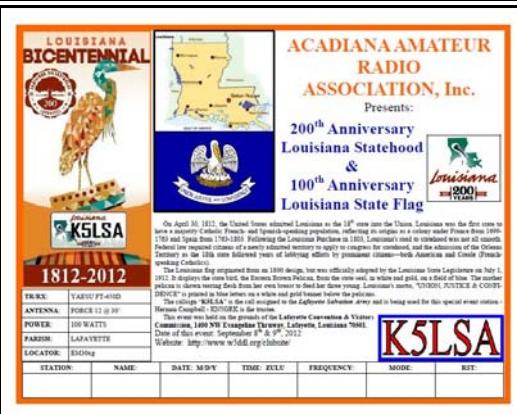
We plan to use the call "K5LSA" which is the club call for the Lafayette Salvation Army, Herman Campbell KN5GRK trustee. Phonetics will be "Kilo 5 Louisiana Special Anniversary"!

The station setup plans are to use the YAESU FT-420D transceiver and SAMLEX SEC-1235 30 amp switching power supply recently donated to the club by Paul Scallan Sr, K5VSH. We plan to have our antenna trailer with crank-up tower and Force 12 Yagi @ 30 feet. A possibility of a second station may be set up so we can work more than two bands at the same time. Plans are to operate on 20 meters around 14.245 MHz and 40 meters around 7.245 MHz plus/minus QRM. A nice certificate (shown above) on photo paper will be available to those sending a large SASE plus one dollar. The LCVC will supply commercial power and we will be set up on the porch of the center.

Another feature of this station is: Any visitors dropping by the LCVC grounds will have the opportunity of sending a "Radiogram" via amateur radio.

We will be looking for volunteers to come out and help set up, take down, operate and log contacts and help answer any questions visitors may have. Check out **K5LSA** on QRZ.com or the AARA Club website for QSL information or a larger view of the certificate at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news.htm>



## President's Message

Just a reminder to let you know that we have a lot of activity going on in our area. Here are just a few:

- ⇒ Children's Museum of Acadiana Ham Radio Camp - June 4 thru 8
- ⇒ Field Day - June 29 & 30
- ⇒ Louisiana Special Event - September 8 & 9
- ⇒ National Simulated Emergency Test - October ?
- ⇒ Tour du Tech Canoe Race - October 5 - 7
- ⇒ Cajun Cup 10 K Run - November ?

These are just some of the activities our club can take part. Don't just sit around being bored, take part!

I am sort of a stamp collector and always looking for "free" stamps and always try to use stamps on all my mail outs. While at the post office a few days ago, I found out that the post office just issued the new Louisiana 200<sup>th</sup> year bicentennial stamp which will go well with our Special Event Station, so when purchasing stamps, ask the clerk for this stamp, help promote Louisiana. Persons getting a hard copy of the LARC will be getting the new Louisiana stamp on their May and June issues.

I am sure Galen KF5BET, our LARC Editor would like to see more articles from our readers on any projects or ideas concerning amateur radio they would like to share with others.

**Hope to see you at the meeting!**

Herman KN5GRK  
AARA President

**DATES TO REMEMBER****General MEETING**

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.  
Scott, LA

**HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

PHARA Hot Dog Social  
May 5, 2012 - Ruston, LA

**Local 2-Meter Nets****Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM  
147.150 PL 103.5 Carenco, LA

**Monday**

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Tuesday**

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM  
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Thursday**

Kid's Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Friday**

HEAL Net 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Only 1:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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each month at 7:00 p.m. at the  
American Red Cross Building  
101 North Pat Street Scott, LA

**6<sup>th</sup> PHARA Hot Dog  
Social**

(Piney Hills Amateur Radio Association)  
Ruston , Louisiana

**When:** May 5, 2012

**Where:** Cook Park, Ruston, LA

**Admission:** FREE

**Time:** 9:00 AM til

**Talk-in:** 147.120 (pl 94.8)

It is hot dog social time again!!! Not only are we going to serving the best hot dogs and hamburgers free again this year as our gift to the ham radio community!!! But we will also be selling Crawfish Tickets!!! \$15.00 per tray with corn and potatoes. **You must buy your Crawfish Tickets in advance.** Go to the PHARA Website to order tickets and more information at:

<http://www.phara.us/>

Please purchase your tickets before May 1, 2012. You will receive your tickets in the mail, please include your name, call sign, address and phone number.

Our goal for these hot dog socials spread friendship and to open dialogs between clubs and hams from different areas of the state. Just as last year,

The Piney Hills Hot Dog Social is free and open to all hams and clubs in a very relaxed family picnic atmosphere. Please bring the family!!!! We will have our fox hunt going and other activities available. We will have fresh grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, cakes, cookies, soft drinks, and all of the trimmings available around 12:00.

The Grand Door Prize this Year is a Yaesu FT-7900R dual band radio. The Second Grand Door Prize this year is a Wouxun Dual Band Handy Talky. **You must be present to win!!**

The Louisiana Tech Ham Radio Club will be launching a balloon with video and a APRS transmitter.

Please if you are able to attend this year, RSVP Debbie Christian KD5RWQ.

[debbiec57@email.com](mailto:debbiec57@email.com)

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual ARCOS  
Swapmeet & Cookout**

(Amateur Radio Club of Shreveport)

**Date:** May 5, 2012

**Where:** Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Park, 135 Cypress Park Drive, Benton, LA

**Talk-in:** 146.670 (pl 186.2)

**Website:**

<http://www.qsl.net/nwlarn/arcos.htm>

**For more info contact:**

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**April VE Test Results**

The April 2012 VE test session results are as follows: Eight tested, two upgraded to Amateur Extra, one upgraded to General, one took Technician and General, and two new Technicians. They are:

\*Mark D. Saltzman KF5ENE of Scott, LA. upgraded from General to Extra Class.

\*Ricky Fruge KF5MHJ of Jennings, LA received Extra Class.

\*Brett A. Walker KF5PAL of Opelousas, LA received General Class.

\*Keith J. Thibodeaux KF5PLW of Jeanerette, LA received General Class.

\*Benjamin M. Bihm KF5PLU of Opelousas, LA received Technician Class.

\*Travis R. Loftin KF5PLV of Kaplan, LA received Technician Class.

VE's present during this session were:

Greg Dolan II - K5LFT  
Archie Hill - W5AG  
Nick Pugh - K5QXJ

**May General Meeting**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 PM @  
the Red Cross Building, 101 N.  
Pat Street, Scott, LA.

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

## April Meeting Minutes (Edited)

**CLUB MEETING:**

- The AARA President Herman KN5GRK opened the meeting.
- Herman led the prayer and also prayed for Danny Griffith's K5ARH daughter.
- All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- There were 25 members in attendance and 2 visitors.
- Members introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts during March. Jackie Donaldson made her first contact.

**Minutes:** The March minutes were not read as they were posted in the March LARC – accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no Treasurer's Report.

**Old Business:** Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP gave an update on the Hamfest. Chuck KE5ZZM mentioned that everyone did a "Good Job!". We had 115 more in attendance this year. There were some complaints about the price of the gumbo.

For the Bingo next year George Donaldson AK2Q made the suggestion that we each have a box and when we find something we no longer need put it in the box for the Bingo prizes next year. In previous years The Crystal Cottage donated most of the prizes.

On motion by Fred Marshall W5MLE, seconded by Galen Wilson KF5BET, the club approved having the tables free for vendors.

**New Business:** Nick Pugh K5QXJ and Galen Wilson KF5BET suggested that there be a "Young Hams" net. On motion by Kathy Daigle KD5TJZ, seconded by Archie Hill W5AG it was unanimously approved to start a "Young Hams" net on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. on the 146.82 repeater. Herman Campbell KN5GRK will put it on the reflector and in the newsletter.

We need to schedule a Board Meeting for the Budget. Rick and Joy will not be able to attend. The meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Golden Corral.

Paul Scallan K5VSH made a donation to the club of a Yaesu FT-420D and a Samlex 30 amp switching power supply to the club to be used in AMOS and other club functions providing the club give him lifetime club membership and free admission to the AARA Hamfests. A membership vote approved this agreement.

Nick Pugh K5QXJ spoke about the Children's Museum of Acadiana Ham Radio Summer Camp. The first week will be June 4-8. The students will build a crystal set and a j-pole antenna. The cost will be \$50.00. It will be available to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Herman Campbell KN5GRK will send out flyers.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP will go next week to help bring the 147.04 repeater up and running.

This year is the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the State of Louisiana and the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Flag of Louisiana. Nick Pugh K5QXJ will speak to Gerald Breaux about setting up at the Information Center on I-49. We will have handouts on a table.

We need a Chairman for this event. We will need to set a date and send it to QST three months ahead of time for publishing in the Special Events Section of QST. It was suggested that we use K5LSA for the call sign.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK President gave Certificates of Appreciation to the following: Archie Hill W5AG - Vice President; Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF - Secretary; Glen Thibodeaux WF5FNP - Board and Field Day Chairman; Galen Wilson KF5BET - LARC Editor. Joy Breaux N5YCS - Treasurer and Nick Romero - Board Member were unavailable at the meeting to receive their certificates.

Elmer White (new ham and club member) thanked the club for the help he has been receiving from Paul Scallan K5VSH and other club members.

On motion by Fred Marshall W5MLE, seconded by Paul Scallan K5VSH, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF  
AARA Secretary

## Board Meeting

A AARA Board Meeting was held on April 18, 2012 at the Golden Corral at 12 Noon after our weekly "Lunch Bunch" gathering.

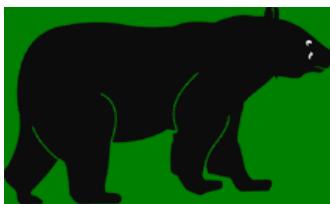
The main topic was the 2012-2013 club budget. A budget was set and approved by the board members and will be presented to the club membership at the May meeting. Glen Thibodeaux brought up some ideas for Field Day and next year's AARA Hamfest.

Those attending the board meeting were:

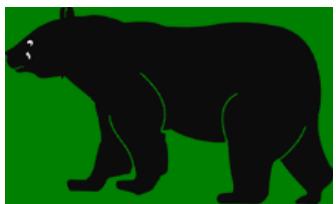
Glen KF5FNP, Galen KF5BEW, Archie W5AG, Sandy KE5KJF, Larry KE5KJD, Nick KE5MWX, and Herman KN5GRK. Paul K5VSH was late due to a family emergency.



## Louisiana Black Bear Festival Special Event Station



On Saturday April 21, 2012 the members of the Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service (BEARS) of Morgan City, held their 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Event honoring this festival held in Franklin, Louisiana - St. Mary Parish.



Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge (established in 2001) is located in the coastal Louisiana towns of Franklin, Garden City and Centerville on Bayou Teche and is sanctuary for the endangered Louisiana Black Bear (*ursus americanus luteolus*) which is also the state mammal as of 1992. More information about this festival can be found at the following website: <http://www.bayoutechbearfest.org/>

The station was set up along the Bayou Tech, among the many arts, craft displays and food vendors through out the City of Franklin, and consisted of a Icom 718 and a Carolina Windom antenna running 100 watts on 40 meters and 20 meter from around 10:00 am to around 5:00 pm central time. Also using EchoLink on the KE5COV-R repeater.

Members of the BEARS Club taking part in this event are shown in the group picture. This club is very active in the Morgan City area.

Photos by Mel Simon WD5CAE



(top row l. to r.) Jimmy KF5JKS, Rudy WA5QNH, Paul AE5JU, Frank N5LOD  
(bottom row l. to r.) Mel WD5CAE, Esther N5YOP, Jackie KA5LMZ, Karen KE5RPI, Deborah N5FMI.



Paul, Jimmy and Jackie



Rudy on the portable station



Deborah making some contacts



**2012 FIELD DAY  
IS COMING....ARE  
YOU PREPARED?**

**April 2012 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS**

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	5	47	Ø	87	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	5	72	Ø	119	KF5ENE Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	20	Ø	55	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	3	9	Ø	35	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	4M / 4G	Ø	16	KE5KJD Larry

In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours.  
~Mark Twain

**KID'S NET**

A new net has been established for the "Young Hams of Acadiana and Beyond" by Abbi KF5BEW and Kendra KF5FYS.

Any ham age 21 or younger who is licensed for 146.820 MHz (pl 103.5) is welcome to join the girls on the Kid's Net Every Thursday Night at 7:00 pm (local time).

You may also check in via EchoLink on Node # 370324.

Abbi and Kendra would love to have you join them every Thursday night for the net. They want you to make it your net, so please let them know what YOU want from YOUR net.



Kendra and Abbi calling the Kid's Net



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**  
 5/18 LINDA KE5HSY  
 5/24 DIANNE KD4OLQ  
 5/26 KATHY KD5TJZ

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

### Apply to Host a Real-Time Conversation with ISS Crewmembers

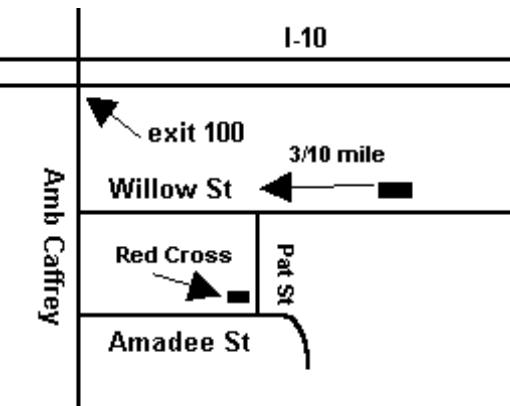
May 2-7	Smokey Bear Days, W5S Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club, Capitan, NM. 14.250, 14.030, 7.250, 7.030
May 10-12	143rd Golden Spike Commemoration Celebration, W7G. Ogden Amateur Radio Club, Ogden, UT. 28.335, 21.285, 14.255
May 17-20	Dayton Hamvention, W8H. Dayton, OH. 50.286, 28.074, 14.063, 7.077
May 19– Jun 2	SEAPAC 30th Anniversary, W7OTV. Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club, Hillsboro, OR. 28.460, 21.290, 14.260, 7.190
May 26-27	Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary, W6G. San Francisco Amateur Radio Club, San Francisco, CA. 28.375, 24.975, 21.275, 18.125, 14.275, 7.175, 3.750

Refer to the May issue of QST (page 91, 92) for additional information and more listings of contests and special events Stations.

NASA is now accepting proposals from US schools, museums, science centers and community youth organizations to host an Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) contact between November 1, 2012 and May 1, 2013. To maximize these radio contact opportunities, NASA is looking for organizations that will draw large numbers of participants and integrate the contact into a well-developed education plan. Proposals are due July 2, 2012.

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Share the Fun - Bring a Friend to be a HAM !

### AARA BANQUET MEETING

**Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 - 7:00 PM**  
**VE Testing @ 6:00 PM**

**Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA**  
**Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM**

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA  
Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

**COMPLIMENTARY ISSUE**



### Cheesy Ham Strata

From: Meals in Minutes

12 slices	Bread, crusts trimmed	6 Eggs, beaten
3/4 lb	Cheddar cheese, sliced	3 1/2 cups Milk
10 oz pkg	Frozen broccoli, prepared	1/2 tsp Salt
2 cups	Cooked ham, cubed	1/4 tsp Dry Mustard
2 tbsp	Dried, minced onion	1/2 cup Shredded cheddar cheese

Cut out desired shapes from center of each bread slice using cookie cutters; place shapes to the sides and remains into a greased 13" x 9" baking pan. Layer cheddar cheese slices over bread pieces; spread broccoli and ham over cheese slices. Sprinkle with onion; arrange bread cut outs on top. Blend eggs, milk, salt and mustard together; pour over top.

Cover and refrigerate overnight; bake at 325 degrees until set, about 55 minutes. Sprinkle with shredded cheese for last 5 minutes of baking; let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Makes 8 servings.

Send your favorite recipes to:  
Galen KF5BET  
galenw@cox.net



### FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

***ulscomm@fcc.gov***.

FCC Website:

***http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/***

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VFC at 860-594-3000.

***http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec***

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245